GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DISINVESTMENT
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DISINVESTMENT OF PSUS IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Public Sector Undertakings based in Bihar sold to private companies so far under thedisinvestment process and the amount received by the Government, undertaking-wise;

(b) the total number of workers rendered jobless due to disinvestment of these PSUs, undertaking-wise; and

(c) the concrete steps taken/proposed to be taken to safeguard the interests of the workers?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI SHOURIE)

(a) Hotel Bodhgaya Ashok, a unit of India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) and Indo-Hokke Hotels Limited, Rajgir, a subsidiary of Hotel Corporation of India Limited (HCI) located in the State of Bihar were disinvested through Strategic Sale for an amount of Rs.1.81 crores and Rs.6.51 crores respectively.

(b) There has been no retrenchment in these cases. However, as intimated by the new management, in the case of Hotel Bodhgaya Ashok, out of 36 employees at the time of disinvestment, 14 have taken Voluntary Retirement, 1 has resigned and 4 new employees have been recruited. In the case of Indo-Hokke Hotels, Rajgir, out of 18 employees, 8 have taken Voluntary Retirement.

(c) Protection of employees` interest is an integral part of the disinvestment policy. Adequate provisions are made in the Transactions Agreements entered into at the time of Strategic Sale, to ensure that there is no retrenchment ofemployees for one year after disinvestment and where necessary, Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) is implemented onlyin accordance with the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) guidelines or the VRS which was prevailing in the companyprior to disinvestment, whichever is more beneficial for the employees.